



JESUS

Week 5

Pray Like Jesus: High Priestly Prayer II

As it was mentioned last week, the prayer in John 17 is Jesus' longest prayer recorded in Scripture. The betrayal of Judas and the cross are imminent. After praying for Himself and His disciples, Jesus prays for the church, which would come in the wake of his death, burial, and resurrection. Therefore, in a very real sense, we witness Jesus praying for those of us who are Christians. In His prayer, Jesus reveals his priorities for His people and what he was most passionate about for us prior to His death for our sins.

Prayer for the saints: Sanctified and Sent (John 17:13–19)

consider the context of verse 13, what is surprising about the mention of joy in this context?
When do you find it difficult to find joy in your life today? When is it easy?
In what ways does the joy you find reveal your where you find your identity?
In vs. 14-19 what is the relationship between Jesus and the world?
What does that imply about your relationship with the world as an image bearer of God?
Where have you seen the realities of this prayer in your life?
Where do you find yourself on the scale of "bomb shelter vs. mirror"?
What does it look like for you to model Christ in His relationship with the world?

Prayer for the church: Unity (John 17:20–23)

Why do you think Jesus is so concerned with unity in the portion of His prayer?
What is the purpose of unity in the church?
What is the difference between unity and uniformity?
How do you balance Gods stated desire for unity and truth?
What is expectable to compromise for unity and what is not?

Prayer for the faithful: Together with Jesus Forever (John 17:24–26)

How is Jesus' prayer being fulfilled in your life today?
What does this prayer reveal about the nature of God?
How does this prayer effect the way in which you will pray today?

Prayer

Spend time in prayer for the following:

Pray for one another that you would grow in knowledge and intimacy with Jesus.

Pray that you would be sanctified and a heart to be sent to those who don't know Gods name

Pray for the lost that you know by name

Thank God for His love and compassion on us